



Our Shepherd

A YoungStar Shining Star Program

“With every program I work with, there is always something that makes a program unique or special. At Our Shepherd, that comes from their sense of “family.” Our Shepherd is not just a child care center; it is a family. The administration and staff at Our Shepherd share the vision/mission of providing the highest quality early childhood services to the community. They set their goals high and stayed on course for a 5 Star rating from the onset.”

--Kathy Kadar, CCR

The following is a narrative from Ann Potter, Director of Our Shepherd child care in Appleton, Wisconsin:

Our Shepherd is a Christian child care center located in Appleton. We have been open for almost twelve years and while our primary focus is family ministry, we decided from the very start that we would strive to offer the highest quality child care possible. There has not been one minute since we opened our doors where we sat idle. In fact, we are always looking for ways to improve our program and offer the very best to families. We are currently undergoing a building expansion which will allow us to accommodate more families this spring.

As a director, I feel it is important to stay involved at both a local and a state level so that I am aware of changes and I continue to grow and learn what is best for children. At the end of the day it all comes down to doing what's best for children and I believe that the YoungStar program has the same goal.

When the YoungStar program first announced its quality rating system, we were determined to achieve a 5 Star rating. Our success is due to the dedication and hard work of our whole staff. We are very proud of what we have accomplished and are thankful for the blessings of our technical consultant, Kathy Kadar, the tiered reimbursement potential, and the support and trainings that we received along the way.

I am proud to say that whether you are a private owned, a corporate, or one of the growing number of faith based centers such as ours, we can all work together with the help of programs such as YoungStar to improve the quality of child care state wide. And that is what's best for children.